

Amendments to the Claims

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1-22 (Cancelled)

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23. (New) An information recording medium comprising a recording area for an auxiliary signal, and a recording area for a main signal, the auxiliary-signal recording area and the main-signal recording area being successively arranged, the main-signal recording area storing first information, second information, and third information, the first information representing plural tunes including original tunes and bonus tunes, the second information including first interactive data representative of group order numbers (GRN) for separating the tunes into groups including a group having only ones among the original tunes and a group having only ones among the bonus tunes and implementing playback of the tunes group by group, the third information including second interactive data representative of a password for permitting the playback of the group having only ones among the bonus tunes.

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24. (New) An information recording medium as recited in claim *23*, comprising a DVD wherein a total number of the groups is in a range from 2 to 9.

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25. (New) An apparatus for transmitting data via a communication medium, the data being of a structure for record on an information recording medium comprising a recording area for an auxiliary signal, and a recording area for a main signal, the auxiliary-signal recording area and the main-signal recording area being successively arranged, the main-signal recording area storing first information, second information, and third information, the first information representing plural tunes including original tunes and bonus tunes, the second information including first interactive data representative of group order numbers

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(GRN) for separating the tunes into groups including a group having only ones among the original tunes and a group having only ones among the bonus tunes and implementing playback of the tunes group by group, the third information including second interactive data representative of a password for permitting the playback of the group having only ones among the bonus tunes.

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26. (New) An apparatus for reproducing information from an information recording medium storing first information, second information, and third information, the first information representing plural tunes including original tunes and bonus tunes, the second information including first interactive data representative of group order numbers (GRN) for separating the tunes into groups including a group having only ones among the original tunes and a group having only ones among the bonus tunes and implementing playback of the tunes group by group, the third information including second interactive data representative of a password for permitting the playback of the group having only ones among the bonus tunes, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving input interactive data;
means for deciding whether or not the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data; and

means for, when it is decided that the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data, reproducing a portion of the first information and executing the playback of the group having only ones among the bonus tunes.

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27. (New) A recording medium storing a signal representative of a computer program for reproducing information from the information recording medium of claim 26, the computer program comprising the steps of:

receiving input interactive data;

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deciding whether or not the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data; and

when it is decided that the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data, reproducing a portion of the first information and executing the playback of the group having only ones among the bonus tunes.

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~~28.~~ (New) A method of transmitting a signal via a communication medium, the signal being of a predetermined communication format and representing a computer program for reproducing information from the information recording medium of claim ~~23~~, the computer program comprising the steps of:

receiving input interactive data;

deciding whether or not the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data; and

when it is decided that the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data, reproducing a portion of the first information and executing the playback of the group having only ones among the bonus tunes.

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~~29.~~ (New) An apparatus for transmitting a signal via a communication medium, the signal being of a predetermined communication format and representing a computer program for reproducing information from the information recording medium of claim ~~23~~, the computer program comprising the steps of:

receiving input interactive data;

deciding whether or not the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data; and

when it is decided that the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data, reproducing a portion of the first information and executing the playback of the group having only ones among the bonus tunes.

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(New) A medium for transmitting a signal of a predetermined communication format, the signal representing a computer program for reproducing information from the information recording medium of claim 23, the computer program comprising the steps of:

receiving input interactive data;

deciding whether or not the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data; and

when it is decided that the input interactive data are equal to the second interactive data, reproducing a portion of the first information and executing the playback of the group having only ones among the bonus tunes.

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